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- "In August of this year (1954) one 'amphibious transport battalion' of the Leningrad military district was training at Narva-Joesuu in Estonia.
- "This amphibious transport battalion had two amphibious companies. Each company consisted of:
  - 4 two-axle amphibious vehicles for the commanding staff
  - 60 four-axle amphibious transport vehicles
  - 2 cisterns B 2 (for petrol)
  - 1 cistern VM 2 (for oils and water)
  - 1 floating tractor VL-3
  - 1 car equipped as a repair shop
- "The four-axle amphibious transport vehicles had room for one driver, his aide and nine armed soldiers. Its body has the form of a pontoon and is of metal. The vehicle has two motors and from each a transmission goes to the wheels or screw propeller of each side.
- "The vehicle has no dirigible wheels. On water it is operated by means of two water rudders, on land by means of accelerating or slowing down of the wheels of the appropriate side. On water it moved at a speed of 10 km/hours, on land at a speed of up to 40 km/hours.
- "The floating full-track tractor VL-3 had an impermeable metal body. It swam on water by means of one screw propeller and one rudder. Its speed on water was about 8 km/hours and on land about 15 km/hours.

Length of VL-3 7.50 meters  
Breadth 3.10 "  
Height 2.85 "

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6. "The above tractor has a winch with a capacity of up to five tons. On its deck there is a closed metal cabin for the driver and his aide."

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